

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DARRICK MORGAN

Plaintiff(s),

v.

BANK OF AMERICA  
CORPORATION, et al.

CASE NO:  
2:23-cv-09356-SVW-JPR

ORDER SETTING INITIAL  
STATUS CONFERENCE

Defendant(s).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Status Conference be set for Monday, December 18, 2023 at 03:00 PM, before the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson. The attorneys attending this conference MUST be those who are in charge of the conduct of the trial. Attendance is mandatory.

This Court views this status conference as critical to its case management responsibilities. Counsel are required to approach it with the same seriousness.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel meet and confer prior to conference in accordance with Local Rule 26, however, counsel are not required

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1 to file any documents, such as an Early Meeting Report or the Status Conference  
2 Report.

3           Failure on the part of counsel to participate knowledgeably in  
4           the conference may result in sanctions.

5           IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, at the Status Conference,  
6           counsel must be fully prepared to inform the Court of the following:

- 7               (1) the theory of the case, both factual and legal,  
8               (2) settlement potential and approaches including an  
9                           examination of whether a limited trial on certain bifurcated  
10                  issues could lead to an overall disposition of the case,  
11               (3) length of trial, jury vs non-jury, unusual trial problems, etc.,  
12               (4) motions to be filed and an explanation for their necessity.

13           This Court will not continue this status conference except upon  
14           a showing of good cause.

15           **(Rule 26f)** Counsel should view the discovery period as a time  
16           for the orderly and cooperative exchange of information essential to a resolution  
17           of the case. Sanctions will be imposed if counsel impede the discovery process  
18           through contentiousness and over-litigiousness. In short, the Court does not view  
19           the pre-trial process as an arena or a series of hostile skirmishes, but rather as a  
20           structure through which legal and factual positions are openly and candidly  
21           exchanged. The goal must be the early and inexpensive settlement of the cases  
22           or the refinement of issues for trial.

23           All discovery matters have been referred to a United States  
24           Magistrate Judge as provided in this Court's Standing Order. Discovery disputes  
25           of a significant nature should be brought promptly before the Magistrate Judge.  
26           The Court does not look favorably upon delay resulting from unnecessarily  
27           unresolved discovery disputes. Any discovery disputes that are not resolved  
28           three (3) weeks prior to the scheduled trial date should be brought promptly

1 and directly to the attention of this Court.

2 Plaintiff's counsel, or counsel for defendant if plaintiff is pro se,  
3 is to provide written notice of this conference and the meeting requirements  
4 to any parties appearing, who are known and not yet formally appeared, on  
5 or after the date of this order.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 DATED: November 17, 2023



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10 Stephen V. Wilson  
11 United States District Judge

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